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The following information should be considered with strong reservations
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- Functionaries of the Austrian Communist Party (KPOe) district organization in Vienna II met on 24 October 1950. Following a lengthy discussion of current Party problems, Karl Delian, secretary of the Vienna II Party organization and chairman of the meeting, spoke for about 25 minutes on the important victory which Austria's working classes won during the recent strikes. Delian informed his associates that the October strikes had served to identify loyal activists as well as Party opportunists. He forecast an immediate purge of these undesirable elements and urged the section chiefs to assist the Party leadership in its efforts to eliminate opportunists and Titoists from the ranks of the KPOe.
- Delian then turned to the Party's plans for December 1950. He is quoted as having said that Austria, today, is in virtually the same position as was Korea prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Delian claimed that this situation will be remedied by a partition of Austria which will necessarily destroy the sovereignty of the Austrian Government. When one of the KPOe functionaries raised the question as to how the Party proposed to accomplish this plan, Delian replied that the first step would be to organize a separate police system which would function closely with the Soviets in the Eastern provinces of Austria. Delian concluded his speech by saying that the Communist-led strike actions of 2 - 6 October were merely a rehearsal for the strikes to come in December, when the Party, in close cooperation with the trade unions, will accomplish several important changes which will pave the way to the establishment of an Austrian Peoples' Democracy.

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